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SUBJECT: FONMIN MUASHER SAYS JORDAN WILL SIGN ARTICLE 98
AGREEMENT IN A "CREDIBLE MANNER"

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Classified By: Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm. Reasons 1.5 (b,d).

[1](#)1. (C) During a November 4 meeting with the Ambassador that covered a number of topics (other subjects reported septels), FonMin Muasher pledged that Jordan "will respond positively, but in a credible manner" to the U.S. request to sign an Article 98 agreement. Muasher went on to note that, as President of the ICC Member States Group, Jordan has "special responsibilities. We're not Micronesia." He said that he has asked Jordan's PermRep in New York, Prince Zeid, to "negotiate this with Ambassador Negroponte and go through the text point by point. I understand that others -- Kuwait and Bahrain -- have agreed, but they are not ICC signatories. We will sign, but we must do it correctly. Just give us a week or two."

[1](#)2. (C) For USUN: If the above description of the state of play in New York is not accurate, please let us know so that we can go back to the MFA with any concerns.

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